THERE WERE 60 PROUD BOY "BOOTS ON THE GROUND" ON JANUARY 6; AROUND 23 HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

According to the conspiracy indictment against Ethan Nordean, Joe Biggs, and others, the Proud Boys used two Telegram channels to organize their January 6 insurrection: a "New MOSD" channel that seems to have been used by top leadership, and a "Boots on the Ground" channel for "Proud Boys members in Washington, D.C." DOJ didn't say how many people were members of the former, presumably smaller, channel. But the Boots on the Ground channel had over 60 members.

> On January 5, 2021, at 1:23 p.m., a new encrypted messaging channel entitled "Boots on the Ground" was created for communications by Proud Boys members in Washington, D.C. In total, over sixty users participated in the Boots on the Ground channel, including NORDEAN, BIGGS, REHL, DONOHOE, and [an unindicted co-conspirator]. Shortly after the channel's creation, BIGGS posted a message to the channel that read: "We are trying to avoid getting into any shit tonight. Tomorrow's the day" and then "I'm here with rufio and a good group[.]"

While this doesn't say that every subscriber to the channel participated in the insurrection, surely people who subscribed in the less than 24 hours between the channel creation and the insurrection itself were closely tied to those events.

When I finish updates to this post listing all the random Proud Boys who've been charged individually in addition to the 14 charged in

one of the four Proud Boy conspiracy cases, I'll
have 23 people who either identify as Proud Boys
or operated with them on January 6. That's
consistent with GWU's very useful report on
participants, which showed 20 Proud Boys before
about 3 more arrests.

That means there may be as many as 40 more Proud
Boys who were actively involved in preparations
for January 6 who remain at large. That's
consistent with the videos of large mobs of
people marching together through DC that day.

If DOJ knows there were over 60, they presumably
have names — either real or monikers — for them,
possibly with device information as well.